

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

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*Whereas*, Every year, on the ninth day of the ninth month at 9:09 a.m., International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day is observed; and,

*Whereas*, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day is used to remind women not to drink alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy; and,

*Whereas*, An estimated 40,000 babies are born each year with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, which can result in birth defects, intellectual or learning disabilities, behavior problems, and trouble learning life skills; and,

*Whereas*, While the effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are irreversible, it is important to remember that it is 100 percent preventable:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2015, as

## **FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY**

in South Dakota, in order to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, to increase compassion for those individuals affected, to minimize further effects, and to promote healthier communities across South Dakota in the future.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
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